

## Message Text

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SUBJECT DOWNGRADING PROGRAM - DOCUMENTS CONCERNING DEFENSE  
PLANNING

THERE FOLLOW BELOW THE TEXTS OF EXS/76/89, PERTAINING TO  
A PROGRAM TO DOWNGRADE OR DECLASSIFY CERTAIN NATO DOCUMENTS  
CONCERNING DEFENSE PLANNING, AND OF ANNEX I, SHOWING DOWN-  
GRADING ACTION CONTEMPLATED ON DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ANNEXES  
II THROUGH XIII. WE HAVE POUCHED THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT  
(EXS/76/89 PLUS ANNEXES I - XIII) TO WASHINGTON. WE WILL  
SCREEN THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ANNEXES II - XIII AND PROVIDE  
COMMENT, IF NECESSARY, SEPARATELY. WE NOTE THAT THE DOCU-  
MENTS ARE ALL OVER NINE YEARS OLD. ACTION REQUESTED: IF  
WASHINGTON HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE DECLASSIFICATION OR DOWN-  
GRADING OF ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ANNEXES II - XIII,  
WE WILL NEED TO HAVE THEM BEFORE JUNE 30, 1977, THE DATE ON  
WHICH THEY WILL OTHERWISE BE REGARDED AS PROPOSED IN ANNEX I.  
BEGIN TEXT OF EXS/76/89:

IN 1973, A PROGRAMME WAS INITIATED BY THE NATO  
REGISTRY(1) FOR REGULAR REVIEWS OF CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WITH  
A VIEW TO THEIR DOWN RADING OR COMPLETE DECLASSIFICATION.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, LISTS ARE ATTACHED, AT ANNEXES II TO XIII,  
OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNING DEFENCE PLANNING WHICH ARE STILL  
DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND WORKING  
GROUPS, AS EXPLAINED IN ANNEX I, DURING HE PERIOD 1952 TO  
1965, AND BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP  
ON ANNUAL REVIEW PROCEDURE UP TO THE DATE OF THEIR DISBANDMENT.  
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OBVIOUSLY, THESE LISTS CONTAIN DOCUMENTS WHOSE CLASSIFICATION  
HAS BEEN CHANGED IN PREVIOUS EXERCISES (2). AS REGARDS  
RELEVANT SUMMARY RECORDS OF COUNCIL AND DPC MEETINGS, THEIR  
IDENTIFICATION IS TIME-CONSUMING: THEY ARE NOT, THEREFORE,

INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT LISTS AND WILL BE SUBMITTED AT A  
LATER DATE.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 75 OF ENCLOSURE "C" TO  
CM(55)15(FINAL)(3) AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 105  
AND 106 OF THE REPORT OF THE SELECT SECURITY COMMITTEE (4), THE  
APPROPRIATE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE REQUESTED TO  
REVIEW THE DOCUMENTS CONTAINED IN THESE LISTS. TAKING INTO  
ACCOUNT THE AGE OF THESE DOCUMENTS, THE FACT OF LIMITED ACCESS  
TO THE REMAINING COPIES AND THE ORIGINAL OVER-CLASSIFICATION  
OF MANY OF THOSE ISSUED DURING THE EARLY YEARS, IT IS REQUESTED  
THAT THE COUNCIL/DPC GIVE THEIR AUTHORITY FOR DECLASSIFICATION  
OR DOWNGRADING AS PROPOSED IN ANNEX I. IT IS POINTED OUT THAT  
MANY OF THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION CONTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS BY  
NATIONS AND BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

3. THE DOWNGRADING ACTION SHOULD COVER:

(A) ALL VERSIONS OF THE DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS OF MEETING IN  
THE LISTS -I.E. DRAFT, ORIGINAL, REVISED, FINAL AND RELEVANT  
AGENDAS;

(B) ALL BACKGROUND MATERIAL TO THE DOWNGRADED DOCUMENTS, NAMELY  
WORKING PAPERS, LETTERS, MEMORANDA AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS ORIGINATED  
BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND NATIONAL  
DELEGATIONS.

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(1) EXS/73./179, DN/250 AND DN/251

(3) "THE ORIGINATING MEMBER NATIONS AND NATO COMMANDS AND AGENCIES  
SHOULD KEEP UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW ALL DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY  
HAVE ORIGINATED TO ENSURE THAT THE ORIGINAL SECURITY  
CLASSIFICATION STILL APPLIES AND SHOULD DOWNGRADE OR  
DECLASSIFY WHEREVER POSSIBLE SO THAT THE SECURITY SYSTEM  
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IS NOT OVERLOADED WITH DOCUMENTS THE CONTENTS OF WHICH  
NO LONGER REQUIRE THEIR ORIGINAL CLASSIFICATION".

(4) PO/70/91

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4. IN CONSIDERING THIS PROCESS, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN  
MIND THAT NATO UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF NATO.

5. OBJECTIONS TO THE DECLASSIFICATION OR DOWNGRADING OF  
ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ANNEXES II TO XIII SHOULD BE  
NOTIFIED TO THIS OFFICE BEFORE 30TH JUNE, 1977, THE DATE ON

WHICH THEY WILL OTHERWISE BE REGRADED AS PROPOSED IN ANNEX I.

6. THIS OPPORTUNITY IS TAKEN TO SUGGEST THAT THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS, WHEN REVIEWING THE DOCUMENTS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION, MIGHT ALSO CARRY OUT A SIMILAR DOWNGRADING EXERCISE CONCERNING DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PRESENT EXERCISE, ADVISING THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF ITS RESULT.

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BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX I:

DOWNGRADING ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON DOCUMENTS LISTED IN ANNEXES II TO XIII

ANNEXES	PROPOSED NEW CLASSIFICATION
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II	DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL UP TO AND INCLUDING 1960	NATO UNCLASSIFIED
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DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL BETWEEN 1961 AND 1965 INCLUSIVE, EXCLUDING THOSE AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED NATO RESTRICTED	NATO RESTRICTED
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III	DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE DPC UNCLASSIFIED
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BETWEEN 1963 AND 1965 INCLUSIVE	NATO RESTRICTED
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IV	DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE UP TO AND INCLUDING 1960	NATO UNCLASSIFIED
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DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE BETWEEN 1961 AND 1965 IN- CLUSIVE, EXCLUDING THOSE AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED NATO RESTRICTED	NATO RESTRICTED
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V	DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE UP TO AND INCLUDING 1960	NATO UNCLASSIFIED
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DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE BETWEEN 1961 AND 1965 INCLUSIVE, EXCLUDING THOSE AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED NATO RESTRICTED	NATO RESTRICTED
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VI	DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE DEFENCE PLAN- NING WORKING GROUP BETWEEN 1963 AND AND 1965 INCLUSIVE	NATO RESTRICTED
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DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC  
SUB-GROUP DURING 1965 NATO RESTRICTED

VII DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE WORKING GROUP  
ON ANNUAL REVIEW PROCEDURE ISSUED  
BETWEEN 1952 AND 1965 INCLUSIVE NATO UNCLASSIFIED

VIII DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE WORKING GROUP  
ON ANNUAL RECURRING COSTS BETWEEN  
1953 AND 1956 INCLUSIVE NATO UNCLASSIFIED

IX DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON  
NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE BETWEEN  
1954 AND 1955 INCLUSIVE NATO UNCLASSIFIED

X DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL,  
ANNUAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, ANNUAL  
REVIEW STEERING COMMITTEE AND DEFENCE  
UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANNING WORKING GROUP BETWEEN 1961 AND  
1965 INCLUSIVE, AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED  
NATO RESTRICTED NATO UNCLASSIFIED

XI DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW  
COMMITTEE IN 1966 AND 1967 EXCLUDING  
THOSE AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED NATO  
RESTRICTED NATO RESTRICTED

XII DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE ANNUAL REVIEW  
COMMITTEE IN 1966 AND 1967 EXCLUDING  
THOSE AT PRESENT CLASSIFIED  
NATO RESTRICTED NATO UNCLASSIFIED

XIII DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE WORKING GROUP  
ON ANNUAL REVIEW PROCEDURE IN 1966 AND  
STILL CLASSIFIED NATO SECRET AND  
NATO CONFIDENTIAL NATO RESTRICTED

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